

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly amend claims 27, 33, 39 and 50 and cancel claims 18-26, 28-32, 34-38, 42-49 and 51-53 without prejudice or admission as shown in the following listing of claims, which replaces all previous versions and listings of claims in this application.

1.- 26. (canceled).¹

27. (currently amended) An optical communication device comprising:

an optical system for propagating a light beam along a light beam path;

a plurality of optical parts disposed on opposite sides of the light beam path;

driving means for independently driving each of the optical parts between a first position in which the corresponding optical part intersects the light beam path and a second position in which the corresponding optical part does not intersect the light beam path, the driving means comprising a plurality of piezoelectric actuators each for independently driving a respective one of the optical parts,

¹ Claims 1-17 were canceled by the response filed October 25, 2004.

[~~according to claim 26; wherein~~] each of the piezoelectric actuators [~~comprises~~] comprising a piezoelectric body for generating stretching vibrations and a moving body frictionally driven by stretching vibrations generated by the piezoelectric [~~body.~~] body; and

driving control means for controlling the driving means to independently drive each of the optical parts between the first and second positions.

28. - 32. (canceled).

33. (currently amended) An optical communication device comprising:

an optical system for propagating a light beam along a light beam path;

a plurality of optical parts disposed on opposite sides of the light beam path;

driving means for independently driving each of the optical parts between a first position in which the corresponding optical part intersects the light beam path and a second position in which the corresponding optical part does not intersect the light beam path, ~~according to claim 18;~~
~~wherein~~ the driving means ~~comprises~~ comprising a plurality of piezoelectric actuators each for independently driving a respective one of the optical parts, each of the piezoelectric

actuators having a piezoelectric body for generating stretching vibrations and a moving body frictionally driven to undergo rotation by stretching vibrations generated by the piezoelectric body;

driving control means for controlling the driving means to independently drive each of the optical parts between the first and second positions; and

~~and further comprising~~ an encoder for detecting a rotational amount of the moving body, the driving control means including means for controlling the piezoelectric actuators to independently drive the optical parts in accordance with the rotational amount of the moving body detected by the encoder.

34. - 38. (canceled).

39. (currently amended) An optical communication device comprising:

an optical system for propagating a light beam along a light beam path;

at least one first optical member disposed on a first side of the light beam path, the at least one first optical member having a first optical part for undergoing movement between a first position in which the first optical

part intersects the light beam path and a second position in which the first optical part does not intersect the light beam path;

at least one second optical member disposed on a second side of the light beam path opposite the first side thereof, the at least one second optical member having a second optical part for undergoing movement between a first position in which the second optical part intersects the light beam path and a second position in which the second optical part does not intersect the light beam path; and

control means for controlling movement of the first optical part and the second optical part between the first and second positions;

wherein each of the at least one first optical member and the at least one second optical member includes driving means for driving the first optical part and the second optical part, respectively, between the first and second positions, according to claim 38; wherein each of the driving means comprises comprising a piezoelectric actuator having a piezoelectric body for generating stretching vibrations and a moving body frictionally driven by stretching vibrations generated by the piezoelectric [body-] body; and

wherein the control means includes means for controlling each of the driving means to independently drive the first and second optical parts.

40. (previously presented) An optical communication device according to claim 39; wherein each of the piezoelectric actuators comprises a rotating-type piezoelectric actuator.

41. (previously presented) An optical communication device according to claim 39; wherein each of the piezoelectric actuators comprises a direct acting-type piezoelectric actuator.

42. - 49. (canceled).

50. (currently amended) An optical communication device comprising:

an optical system for propagating a light beam along a light beam path;

a plurality of independent optical members arranged in a zig-zag pattern on opposite sides of the light beam path, each of the optical members having an optical part and driving means for driving the optical part between a first position in which the optical part intersects the light beam path and a second position in which the optical part does not intersect the light beam path, according to claim 49; wherein each of the driving means comprises comprising a piezoelectric actuator having a piezoelectric body for generating stretching vibrations and a moving body frictionally driven by stretching vibrations generated by the piezoelectric [body-] body; and

driving control means for independently controlling
the drive means of each of the optical members to drive the
corresponding optical part between the first and second
positions thereof.

51. - 53. (canceled).

ADDITIONAL FEES:

Submitted herewith is a check in the amount of \$200.00 to cover the additional fee for one (1) extra independent claim in excess of those already paid for. Should it be determined that a further fee is due or should the check be deficient for any reason, authorization is hereby given to charge any such fee or deficiency to our Deposit Account No. 01-0268.